

Mayor Report – By Shawn Keough
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Hello Residents and Council,

I hope everyone is staying safe and practicing as much social distancing as possible. Please wear a mask if you must leave your home. Here is my report of recent activities and my calendar of planned Dexter activities looking ahead:

City Manager Search Activities

After our special City Council meeting on October 19th, it has been a short week leading up to this Mayor report. I have spent most of my time following up on Council suggestions and our discussion of possible next steps at our last meeting for our City Manager search. I have included some information, a couple recommendations and two suggested motions in New Business Item L-3 for Council to review and consider.

Recent Activities

October 20, 2020 – Conversation with Michigan Municipal League’s (MML) Human Resources Director regarding the services that MML can provide to assist communities in searching for new employees.

October 20, 2020 – With the help of our City Manager, I was able to obtain access to the MML Wage survey information.

October 20, 2020 – Conversation with City Finance Director/Treasurer/Assessor Marie Sherry regarding next steps in finding a new City Manager.

October 21, 2020 – Conversation with Assistant to the City Manager Justin Breyer regarding the transition and his potential role as a possible Interim City Manager as we search for a new City Manager.

October 21, 2020 – Prepared a Draft Position Description for City Manager to review with City Council (this is included in New Business Item L-3)

October 22, 2020 – Special Downtown Development Authority (DDA) meeting – The DDA met to pass a resolution authorizing the DDA to accept assignment of interest in the Agreement from the City such that the DDA will receive the DTE parcel from DTE once the City closes on their conveyance of property on Dan Hoey to DTE. The resolution also authorized their Board Chairperson (Doug Finn) to sign all documents on behalf of the DDA to complete the transaction. The resolution further references the DDA’s commitment in their current budget to reimburse the City for the value of the Dan Hoey property.

Upcoming Activities

October 22, 2020 – Dexter Area Fire Department (DAFD) meeting – this meeting was moved from October 15, 2020 to allow for it to be a virtual meeting.

Fire Union Negotiation - Since our last City Council meeting, we have not had any meetings with our local 4090 fire fighter’s union representatives, however, we have received some feedback from the firefighters that we need to discuss. We will likely have our next meeting on this topic the week of October 26th.

October 26, 2020 – City Council meeting

I look forward to seeing you around our town wearing your favorite mask of course, because among other good reasons, it is Halloween) 😊 Happy Halloween to everyone. Please be safe if you decide to participate in that holiday. The Center for Disease Control has some very good recommendations for the holiday on October 31st.

Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Please stay safe and enjoy Dexter!

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